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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3

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ward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3
[REDACTED] The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report. FOIA b3

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29 April 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 13/4

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1) Personnel Situation

(1) Personnel difficulties continue. All measures are being taken to remedy the shortage. More and more youths are being drawn into the working program. According to a message to Zamuse (200 kilometers north northeast of Novosibirsk), the working period for youths under 16 years of age is being set at 6 hours and for youths over 16 years 8 hours. First of all, however, only persons who have reached their sixteenth birthday are to be called into the work program.

(2) The NKRF office in Gorkij could not hire any berths for a row of ships.

(3) In various NKRF plants a 24 hour working period is to be introduced in order to be able to complete repairs much faster.

(4) The office in Yakutsk was prevented from transferring employees of the Steamship Agency to other organizations.

(5) 56 fishermen were sent to Astrakhan for the NKRF office.

(6) Stalingrad received 250 students from the trade schools in Kujbyshev and 250 from Saratov.

2) Material Supply

(7) In April the cement factory in Ararat is to deliver 400 tons of cement to the Trust of the NK for the Aeronautical Industry and in May 5 carloads of cement to the Armenian Directorate for Street Construction.

(8) In the second half of April 183 drills are being shipped by the Machine Supply in Tiflis to the Locomobile Plant in Syzran.

(9) Astrakhan requires 1,000 meters of driving belts and 500 accumulators; the latter are to be delivered from Saratov.

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(10) In April the following material will be delivered to the following offices:

Gorkij	500	batteries
Kujbyshev	0.2 tons	white chalk
Astrakhan	7 carloads	fireproof brick
Molotov	6 tons	special packing
Novosibirsk	5 tons	boxes of matches
Ulan Ude	1 carload	glass
Blagoveshchensk	5 carloads	boxes of matches

(11) The oil factory in Gorkij can not deliver its quota before May because of a lack of raw material. The NKRF office in Molotov was consequently forced to send the required 5 tons of varnish from the River Fleet Supply.

(12) Irkutsk must send 5 tons of tackle to the East Siberian Timber Trust.

3) Consumers Goods

(13) The NKRF office in Ural received the following in the second quarter:

For 10,000 rubles	cotton goods
For 1,000 rubles	woolen goods
For 3,000	silk goods
For 1,000	thread
For 3,000	tailored goods
For 2,000	hosiery
For 2,000	leather boots
For 12,000	tobacco products
For 2,000	soap
And 80 pair	felt boots

(14) For 453,000 rubles Kujbyshev received manufactured goods, boots and special clothing. The proposed supply for 1300 men of the waterways personnel has been refused.

(15) The following offices received the following in the second quarter:

Omsk	200 pair	shoes with wooden soles
Tomsk	500	rubber sandals
	100	rubber boots
Irkutsk	500	boots
	500	shoes with wooden soles

4) Production

(16) Production is unsatisfactory in various rajons. However, in other areas performance has been such that bonuses have been awarded in individual cases. For example, at the Water Transport Base in Molotov a bonus of 27,000 rubles was paid out for overfulfillment of the production plan. Likewise, personnel of the steamship "Pushkin" in Chardzhou received a bonus of 5,000 rubles.

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Furthermore, the following offices in Gorkij were awarded bonuses:

Personnel of the Upper Volga Steamship Agency	90,000 rubles
Plant "Karl Marx"	30,000 rubles
Water Transport Base	30,000 rubles

(17) The following individual messages indicate unsatisfactory performance:

In the first quarter the office in Omsk operated very poorly. It is urgently advised to fulfill the yearly plan under all conditions. Attempts are being made to eliminate the delay in technical work on ships and in repair work by the introduction of a 24 hour working period.

(18) In Krasnoyarsk delays are to be eliminated likewise by lengthening the working period.

(19) The NKRF office in Gorkij has a deadline of 21 April for the completion of total repairs. In the event that this deadline is not met, the Steamship Agency Line must be stricken from the competition list.

(20) The order for manufacturing shipping containers in Gorkij is not being carried out although shipping material for fish is urgently needed. Details for the delay are not known.

(21) Shortages have been noted during the construction of a steamship at a plant in Zamuse. These must be remedied before the beginning of further ship construction.

(22) The following production plans have been noted from a series of messages:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Svenigovo	20 tons cast iron	To be delivered to the Electrical Plant
Kujbyshev	50 hydraulic cranes (20 tons power)	Cheboksary in April To be completed by 15 July
	1 floating steam crane	For Derbeshka
Molotov, Plant "Staryj Burlak"	20 hand pumps	April
	3 boilers	For Lena Steamship Agency
Plant "Dzerzhinskij"	dry dock	Planned construction

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Cherdyn

1 coal barge
(2,000 tons)

1943 planned for the
Kama Steamship
Agency

2 grain ships
(1700 tons)

(23) The NKRF Directorate in Gorkij is to carry out the repair of motors to a greater extent. Plans call for the completion of 50-60 motors each month.

(24) The NKRF Directorate in Uralsk fulfilled 100% of the plan. As of 5 April 29 self-propelled ships and 82 non-self-propelled ships were ready for use.

5) Transport Situation

(25) The NK for the Rubber Industry in Moscow received the following message from Tiflis:

"The decision with regard to the question of supplying "Sovpren" (rubber factory for synthetic rubber production in Erivan) with railroad cars for transporting coke, electrodes and technical industrial instruments as well as material equipment was reached by the directors thru the Secretary of the Georgian Central Committee Charkviani, Representative of the OB of the (Transcaucasus) Front General Dratvin, Chief of the Railway, and Secretary of the Central Transport Committee. Despite all certified orders the Chief of Military Transport is not making any cars available, since empty trains are lacking. The Chief of the Railway again demands declaring this transport as military transport. Total required was as follows:

55 cars for coke

2 cars for electrodes

35 cars for material equipment and technical

industrial instruments

6 cars for evacuated freight

In this question I will attempt to present a petition for the second time to Charkviani today and try to reach an agreement with Tyulenev. It is unconditionally necessary to bring about together with Moscow a decision of the transport committee concerning the declaration of this transport as belonging to the military transport plan and thereby having Baku make available the above-mentioned number of railroad cars."

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(26) In a message of 21 April the following accounts were noticed:

Gross for January, February and March

199,828 rubles

Listings

Income tax	6690 rubles
War tax	195 rubles
Culture tax	5623 rubles
Childless tax	9681 rubles
Childrens homes	8040 rubles
Contributions to clubs (?)	1364 rubles
Gifts for soldiers	50 rubles
Loans	200 rubles
Building of Planes	12048 rubles
Radio licenses	1025 rubles
Food allotment	23762 rubles

112,733 rubles

Balance

87,095 rubles

Accordingly 57% of the income is taxed. It is worthy of note that 19% alone of the income as a currently fixed tax is set aside for gifts, loans and contributions to soldiers.

(27) The following plants were identified for the first time or confirmed in traffic of the Civil Air Fleet:

Plant Irbit (175 kilometers northeast of Sverdlovsk)	presumably makes trailers
Veneer Plant #3	
Plant #16	
Plant #37	
Plant #217 (presumably located in Sverdlovsk)	makes direction finders
Plant 245 (confirmed)	
Plant 387 (confirmed)	
Plant 734	

7) Other Messages

(28) The following amounts of money were collected for arming the Red Army:

Agricultural workers of the Collective "Chkalov" in Armenia	for building tanks
	273,000 rubles
Sovkhoz workers of Borshomi in Georgia	for building tanks
	340,000 rubles
	for building planes
	38,000 rubles
Agricultural workers of Kutais Rajon	for building tanks
	1,854,000 rubles
	for rebuilding
	Stalingrad
	116,000 rubles

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Workers of the Kafan Rajon in Armenia
(190 kilometers southeast of Erevan)

for building tanks and
planes

TOTAL

1,222,743 rubles

3,843,743 rubles

(29) Contributions of workers of Kafan Rajon:

56,557 tons of
33,169 tons
21,151 units of

miscellaneous agricultural products
gifts
warm clothing.